

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on March 7, 2011 at 3:22 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren Head, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 35, 3/2/2011; SB 38, 3/2/2011; SB 100, 3/2/2011

00:01:04 Rep. Flynn joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:02 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 38, Revise laws related to state land trust interest and income revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:50 Tom Schultz, Administrator of Trust Land Management, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(nah51a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:33 Rep. Williams
00:10:55 Mr. Schultz
00:10:48 Rep. Williams
00:11:13 Mr. Schultz
00:11:35 Rep. Williams
00:11:38 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:05 Sen. Hawks

HEARING ON SB 100

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:59 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 100, Disposition of damage awards for state land leases.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:12 Rep. Reinhart
00:14:32 Sen. Shockley
00:17:16 Rep. Reinhart
00:17:42 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:34 Sen. Shockley

HEARING ON SB 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:38 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 35, Revise laws related to navigable river beds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:33 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)
EXHIBIT(nah51a02)
00:30:34 Eileen Casey, self
00:32:28 Rep. Hands left the meeting.
00:33:29 Robert Hanson, State President, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:35:04 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users Association
00:35:31 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:36:26 Rep. Hands rejoined the meeting.
00:37:08 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:39:37 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:40:20 Leo Berry, Attorney, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)
00:42:44 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
00:43:04 John Youngberg, MFBF

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:44 Tom Schultz, DNRC
EXHIBIT(nah51a03)
00:48:51 Tommy Butler, Special Assistant and Legal Council, DNRC
00:51:20 Rep. Bennett left the meeting.
00:55:27 Rep. Bennett rejoined the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

01:03:51 Chuck Willey, self
01:12:54 Dallas Reese, Department of Revenue
01:13:11 Rep. Hands

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:15 Rep. Miller
01:14:31 Ms. Evans
01:15:00 Rep. Miller
01:15:08 Ms. Evans
01:16:08 Rep. Miller
01:16:28 Mr. Murphy
01:16:50 Rep. Miller
01:17:01 Mr. Murphy
01:17:49 Rep. Miller
01:17:58 Sen. Hamlett
01:18:25 Rep. Miller
01:18:36 Sen. Hamlett
01:19:49 Rep. Miller
01:20:05 Sen. Hamlet
01:20:35 Rep. Reinhart
01:21:03 Mr. Butler
01:21:10 Rep. Reinhart
01:21:20 Mr. Butler
01:21:28 Rep. Reinhart
01:21:34 Candace West, Chief Legal Council, DNRC
01:22:23 Rep. Reinhart
01:23:11 Ms. Evans
01:23:39 Rep. Reinhart
01:24:20 Ms. Evans
01:25:27 Rep. Reinhart
01:25:38 Ms. Evans
01:25:53 Rep. Reinhart
01:26:25 Ms. Evans
01:27:20 Rep. Reinhart
01:27:33 Ms. Evans
01:27:48 Rep. Reinhart
01:28:02 Mr. Willey
01:28:14 Rep. Loney
01:28:49 Mr. Schultz
01:29:10 Rep. Loney
01:29:17 Mr. Schultz
01:29:49 Rep. Harris
01:30:36 Mr. Willey
01:33:31 Rep. Harris
01:34:02 Mr. Willey
01:34:50 Rep. Flynn
01:35:17 Mr. Butler
01:35:31 Rep. Flynn
01:35:56 Mr. Butler

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:44 Sen. Hamlett

01:41:37 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

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01:42:55 Rep. Miller

01:43:08 Rep. Hands

01:43:30 Mr. Kolman

01:44:03 Rep. Reinhart

01:44:27 Rep. Connell

ADJOURNMENT

01:45:11 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah51aad.pdf](#))